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X-Pending Capital Development (formerly Engineering Services)	99-11-23-01X	<p>Pedestrian traffic on both sides of <u>Cape May Rd., Good Hope Rd.</u> to Good Hope Dr.: there are no shoulders on either side of these roads, plus any space available is very limited and uneven. Of course there is speeding vehicular traffic, which increases the possibility of a tragedy occurring. Could we have an <u>asphalt path</u>?</p> <p><b>Sybil Christian</b></p>	Engineering will respond.	<p><i>*[Historical information stored elsewhere.]</i></p> <p>*Analysis complete for Special Protection Area (SPA) waiver. Anticipate submission of waiver in Nov. 02. (RE, 10/14/02).</p> <p>*MNCPPC has recently indicated this project must go through their mandatory referral process prior to granting of waiver. Also, may now require a reforestation plan due to required tree removal on MNCPPC property near New Hampshire Ave. (RE, 2/10/03)</p>	Pending

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Capital Development	00-09-18-01X	<p>Park and Planning <u>will open a new park</u> on Columbia Pike near the corner of Industrial Parkway. <u>Old Columbia Pike</u> is a narrow, two-lane road with no sidewalks. A <u>sidewalk</u> is <u>needed</u> to protect pedestrians on the west side of Old Columbia Pike so the children do not have to cross-driveways.</p> <p><b>Barbara Medina</b></p> <p>Mothers are not letting their kids walk to the park because the route is not safe. Seniors also cannot get to the park. Road is two lane. What makes it a lower priority? Thought parks had a priority</p> <p>(Barbara Medina, 10/21/02).</p>	<p>*Engineering Services will respond.</p> <p>*Highest priority given to sidewalks that provide safe access to schools (TP, 4/30/03)</p>	<p>*Engineering Services has reviewed the west side of Columbia Pike and have determined that construction of a sidewalk on this side of the road is not feasible due to restraints including steep slopes and significant tree loss. We recommend that consideration be given to installing a sidewalk on the east side of the road-which is the same side as the park. The limits would be from the park entrance to the entrance to Columbia Towers.</p> <p>This option will probably require the elimination of some parking spaces so coordination with Traffic Services will be required if this option is desired. Please offer comment to Jim Stiles at 240-777-7275. (1/31/02)</p> <p>*Proposed alignment of sidewalk will impact on-street bike lane over portion of alignment. Currently working on resolution to address both bicycle and pedestrian needs. (RE, 4/4/02).</p> <p>* No change. Considered lower priority when compared to other requests currently being evaluated by the Annual Sidewalk Program. (RE, 10/14/02).</p> <p>*No change (RE, 2/10/03)</p>	Pending

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Capital Development	03-04-14-01	Will there be a sidewalk along MD 198 from U.S. 29 east to McKnew?  <b>Bob Sylwester</b>	*Engineering Services will investigate (SG, 5/5/03)		
X Pending Highway Maintenance	00-09-12-01X	Problems on Brooke and Chandlee Mill Roads. Dangerous intersections at Brooke Rd & NH Av and at Chandlee Mill Rd & Goldmine Rd. Mirror installed on NH Av at Brooke is placed too low on the pole.  <b>Carolyn N. Snowden</b>	*Re-assigned from Pending Traffic & Parking to Pending Highway Services (SG per JE email 12/27/02).	*[ <i>Historical information stored elsewhere.</i> ] *Base repair from New Hampshire to sharp curve done. From curve to 108 will be done this construction season or next, delayed by utility work at new fire house. Intersection at Goldmine and Chandlee Mill completed. No change. *Minor shoulder repair to help drainage will continue. The work is still scheduled for completion in spring or early summer of 2002. (11/2/01) *No change. (1/25/02) * Base failure repair complete; one pipe requires replacement. Topping out to level surface to be done this construction season. Brooke Rd is not on resurfacing schedule at this time. (BN, 4/12/02). * No change in status. (BN, 9/17/02). * DHS checking on schedule for resurfacing. (BN, 3/25/2003) *Brooke Rd. is scheduled for late this construction season (BN, 6/5/03)	Pending

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Highway Maintenance	01-05-21-03X	<p><u>Tanley Road</u> is badly <u>in need of resurfacing</u> - completely broken down along shoulders and there are serious erosion problems along the creek.</p> <p><b>Barbara Foresti</b></p>	<p>*Highway Services will respond.</p> <p>* DHS checking on schedule for resurfacing. (BN, 3/25/2003)</p>	<p><i>*[Historical information stored elsewhere.]</i></p> <p>*Tanley Road is not currently on a schedule for resurfacing, but will be added in the future. Please call DHS main number, 240-777-7623, and submit request for service for potholes or hazardous conditions at specific locations. (BN, 4/12/02).</p> <p>*No change in status (BN, 9/17/02).</p> <p>*No change in status (BN, 10/11/02).</p> <p>*No change in status (BN, 11/4/02).</p> <p>*No change in status. By next fall DHS should be able to give an approximate time when streets in that vicinity will be resurfaced (BN, 6/18/03).</p>	Pending
Highway Maintenance	03-01-13-01X	<p>I received a call that <u>Tampico Way</u> in Calverton needs <u>resurfacing</u>.</p> <p><b>Don Grace</b></p>	<p>Highway Services will investigate (SG, 2/13/03)</p>	<p>*The Tampico Way neighborhood is on the tentative schedule for resurfacing within the next two years. (BN, 6/5/03)</p>	Pending

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Highway Maintenance	03-05-05-01	<p>On Randolph Road at New <u>Hampshire Road</u> (on the eastbound side heading on Randolph), there is a <u>median strip</u> with grass and tree plantings. Right now we have some <u>tree problems</u> in that strip – one dead, one missing (the stump only), and one bent over about 45 degrees leaning into the roadway.</p> <p><b>Dennis W. Holden</b></p>	<b>*Highway Services will investigate (SG, 6/17/03)</b>		
Highway Maintenance	03-06-23-01	<p>There are from <b><u>8 to 10 street trees</u></b> (between sidewalk and curb) along <b><u>Cherry Hill Rd. between Rt. 29 and Cloverpatch</u></b>, and the County line that are <b><u>either dead or missing</u></b>. Please audit the road for dead/missing plantings and replant.</p> <p><b>Dennis W. Holden</b></p>	<b>*Highway Maintenance will investigate (KM, 8/01/03).</b>		

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MSHA  Discussion Topic: <i>“Development in East County near the White Oak library.”</i>	02-04-15- TOPIC	Key points raised: *The blinking yellow light that the State recently installed on New Hampshire Av at Quaint Acres Dr needs to be pedestrian activated. (Mr. Wides, White Oak CA) The library is unusable for kids on the other side of NH Av. (Mr Simson) There ought to be a full fledged traffic signal at Quaint Acres Dr instead of just a pedestrian-activated flashing yellow light. (Mr Yeck, Greater Colesville CA) We should look at the recent Blue Ribbon Panel’s recommendations and see what could be applied to NH Av. Also, if we’re considering a recreation center for the Clark property, then we should consider how kids on the other side of US29 are going to safely get to it. (Ms Finnegan)	* Word from MSHA: no upgrades or modifications will be made to flasher in front of library. Letter from MDOT Scy John Porcari to Senator Ruben detailed State’s reasons for their decision. DTPS seeking copy of letter; will advise of follow-on activities. (EW, 5/31/02)	* DPWT will continue to work with MSHA to explore options for the signal that would provide an operation more amendable to the community, including operation that allows motorists to distinguish when pedestrians are present, as opposed to full time flashing. (Letter from Director to Mr. Wides, 6/21/02) * DTPS has offered its input to MSHA on other options for this intersection but they have decided against. (EW, 7/3/02) * MSHA re-evaluating options for this intersection. By fall, 03, a recommendation with design plans may be developed. (EW, 7/10/2003) * MSHA still evaluating options for intersection. (SP, 9/17/03) *A pedestrian signal is being designed and scheduled to be installed by fall 2004. (SP, 1/05/04) * <b>Ped. signal will be installed Spring, 04 weather permitting. (SP, 3/8/04)</b>	

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Traffic Engineering & Operations  TDM	98-09-21-03	<p>Problem crossing either <u>Industrial Parkway</u> or <u>Tech Road</u> from Old Columbia Pike or Prosperity Dr. Traffic on Industrial Pkwy and Tech Rd. block the intersection. Turning traffic from Rt. 29 makes the intersection even more dangerous when the intersection is not blocked but traffic is coming from either road. Median makes turning onto Old Columbia Pike difficult. Could be improved by simply narrowing median.</p> <p>*Consider applying the signal &amp; other strategies measures that were implemented at Industrial Pkwy. (9/17/01)</p> <p>*Citizen suggested on 1/14/02: 1) On Tech road turn from rte29--change signals so they are the same as those at intersection of rte29 &amp; Industrial Pkwy.</p> <p><i>[Continued on next page]</i></p>	MSHA/ Traffic & Parking will respond	<p>*Traffic and Parking will investigate. 11/98</p> <p>*Still under investigation. 1/99</p> <p>*Having difficulty coming up with a solution that does not restrict movement. 5/99</p> <p>*Industrial Parkway/ Tech Road median to be installed on Industrial Parkway north side of Tech Road.</p> <p>*Working on additional solutions for improvements to traffic flow in area. 7/99</p> <p>*First drafts of study complete. Still under investigation. 9/99</p> <p>*Study under review. 11/99</p> <p>*Study recommendations are being finalized. 1/00</p> <p>*Study recommendations have been prepared and submitted for management review and approval. 5/00</p> <p>*Study recommendations are under review. 01/01</p> <p>*Management has requested additional data from staff. 03/01</p> <p>*Study still under review. (5/01)</p> <p><i>[Continued on next page]</i></p>	

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Traffic Engineering & Operations	98-09-21-03 Continued	Continued from previous page. 2) On Tech Rd & on Industrial Pkwy at both of the roads intersection with Old Columbia Pike and its extensions to Cherry Hill Road, draw a crosswalk and a white line. Place a sign that says "Stop here on red". Current signs that say "Keep Intersection Clear" are ignored. Enforce this as a red light infraction.  <b>Barbara Medina</b>  Ms. Medina does not accept this proposed solution (1/13/03). Could a discussion with the involved traffic engineer take place?	(Continued)  <b>*Email sent to DTPS requesting the engineer involved to contact Mrs. Medina (TP, 5-1-03).</b>	*Recommendation will be put forward to construct a traffic island 200 feet up from US29. (TM,4/15/02) *No Update (JE, 6/04/02). *No Update (JE, 12/27/02) *No Update (JE, 3/27/03) *No Update (JE, 6/10/03)	



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Traffic Engineering & Operations	01-03-19-03	<p><b>Request "No Parking Anytime" signs along Old Columbia Pike. to prevent attendees at church from parking along Old Columbia Pike (south-and northbound lanes) during services or special events-in the emergency pull-off shoulder lane. Church is at 12817 Old Columbia Pike. Old Columbia Pike is too narrow and heavily traveled, also with Metro buses, to permit such shoulder parking along Old Columbia Pike and in the church entrance pullout lane.</b></p> <p>* Signs were not installed + the pavement striping is incorrect. The lane line should be dashed to indicate the pull out lane is for entering Old Columbia Pike, not for parking. (DH, 10/5/02)</p> <p>* MC Police Officer Joy Patil has also requested signage or striping to stop cars from parking in this acceleration lane, according to Mr. Holden. (11/14/02)</p> <p>* Issue brought to staff attention (KB) in Jan. Was told records show work done but was not apparent at site visit. Signs and striping still not installed as of 3/19/2003. (DH, 3/19/2003)</p> <p><b>*Would like to keep this issue open because: a) The line was painted by hand and is not professionally done, it is hardly legible and people are still parking in the acceleration lane, b) We still need "no parking" signs to go up because the police are more comfortable ticketing if these signs are posted, and it allows the</b></p>	<p>Traffic &amp; Parking will respond.</p> <p>Can DTPS provide a time frame for installing the signs? (11/19/01)</p> <p>update sent to DTPS (12/12/01)</p> <p>*Email sent asking DTPS for time frame (4/19/02)</p> <p>* Mr. Holden faxed elaboration but fax was lost. Advised Mr. Holden to clarify. (TP, 10/31/02)</p> <p>* Em sent to TR cc CJ &amp; Mr Holden requesting update. (TP, 11/14/02)</p> <p>* Email to DTPS for status. (TP, 3/3/03)</p> <p>*Vmail to DTPS (PB &amp; JE forwarding DH's info. (TP, 3/19/2003)</p>	<p>*DTPS will study. (5/01)</p> <p>*Signs to be installed shortly. (7/01)</p> <p>*No updates. (09/01)</p> <p>*No change in status (11/8/01)</p> <p>*DTPS will follow up. (1/7/02)</p> <p>*Getting no parking signs along traffic pull out-pull in lane at the Gurdwara Foundatn Church, Old Columbia Pike (2/7/02)</p> <p>*Work Orders issued. To be completed week of April 22. (JE, 4/9/02)</p> <p>*Work Completed 04/12/02 work order #02/620. (JE, 6/04/02)</p> <p>*Completed (JE, 12/27/02).</p> <p>*Email to DTPS sent to confirm that the striping was corrected along with the No Parking signs being installed. (TP, 1/2/03)</p> <p>*Pat Bradley will look into this. (JE, 1/3/03)</p> <p>*Signing &amp; Marking Unit completed the installation of eleven "No Parking Anytime" signs along the Church front on 1/22/03. (KB, 3/20/03)</p> <p>*The pavement markings for the acceleration lane along Old Columbia Pike will be modified on a later date. The existing pavement marking pattern gives a false indication that it is a shoulder instead of an acceleration lane in front of the church. The problem was due to the illegal parking along Old Columbia Pike at the church access limiting the sight distance that was taken care by NPAT signs. (KB, 3/25/03)</p> <p>(continued on next page)</p>	

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Traffic Engineering & Operations	01-03-19-03 (Continued)	(Continued from previous page) <b>community to have a clear understanding, plus they were approved!, c) When Old Col Pike gets resurfaced, the entire street will be repainted, and the lines will look better than the temporary ones that are there now. (DH, 7/28/03).</b>	(Continued)  * Email to TEOS (KB) for status of No Parking signs. (TP, 7/23/2003) * Email to Mr. Holden to confirm this project can be closed. (TP, 7/24/2003)	*Sign installation complete. Pavement marking work order issued. Installation pending warmer temperatures. (JE, 3/27/03) *Pavement Markings Complete. (JE, 6/10/03) * TEOS staff conversations with Mr. Holden indicated he wanted to see No Parking sign installed or to re-mark the existing shoulder as Accel / Decel Lane. <u>Lane markings have been altered.</u> If the neighbors are still parking along the acceleration lane, then they are violating the law and enforcement may take care of the problem. Note the church he is referring to is the Gurudwara Sikh Temple. (KB, 7/24/2003) * TEOS sign & marking unit staff have altered the lane markings to indicate to motorists that the “shoulder” is actually an Accel / Decel Lane. Mr. Holden’s request for No Parking Anytime signs has been submitted to the traffic engineering unit for study. (KB, 10/30/2003)	

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Traffic Engineering & Operations	02-10-21-02	New Hampshire Ave. (MD 650) and MD 108. <u>Need to have Left Turns on Green arrow</u> . Intersection is very congested. Difficult to make left turns safely.  <b>Dan Wilhelm</b>	*Traffic and Parking will investigate (TT, 11-14-02). *Discussed issue with TP & TT. Forwarded copy of issue to J. Earp in case not previously forwarded/received. (SG, 12/16/02)	*DTPS will evaluate the request and advise you of the results. (JE, 1/3/03) *Study not yet completed due to current study backlog. (JE, 3/27/03) *No Update (JE, 6/10/03) * It will be complete once school reopens. (JE, 8/19/03) * <b>Study completed, request denied (JE, 12/09/03).</b>	<b>Complete for purposes of the Action Group</b>

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Traffic Engineering & Operations	03-05-05-02	At <u>Randolph Road and Fairland Road intersection</u> , heading eastbound, there is a left turn signal, that flashes yellow. It is <u>not clear</u> to yield when turning when the arrow is flashing left turn yellow. A sign should be posted up near the left turn signal light that reads something like: "Watch for Oncoming Traffic: Turn Left with Caution on Flashing Yellow Arrow."  <b>Dennis W. Holden</b>	*Traffic and Parking will investigate (SG, 6/17/03)	* <b>No Update. (JE, 8/19/03)</b>	

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